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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri M.D.Amrutha Raj, the then MPDO, Peapully Mandal of Kurnool District, presently working as MPDO, Uravakonda of Ananthapuram District, for dereliction and negligence of duties in execution of NREGS works, under the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry Authority appointed – Inquiry report submitted – Explanation received- Imposed punishment of dismissal from service under Rule 9 (X) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 12 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.38 **Date:29/04/2024**

Read the following:-

1. Lr.No.829/CVO/KRL/2016, Dt:24.07.2019 of the Commissioner, Rural Development, Amaravathi.
2. CPR's Charge Memo No.957879/CPR&RD/A1/2019, Dt:08.09.2020.
3. Written Statement of Defense Submitted by Sri M.D.Amrutha Raj, the then MPDO, Peapully Mandal, Kurnool District, Dt:28.09.2020.
4. CPR's Progs No.957879/CPR&RD/A3/2019, Dt:21.01.2021.
5. Rc.No.A8/275/2015, Dt:07.09.2021 of the CEO,ZPP, Kurnool.
6. Explanation of Sri M.D.Amrutha Raj, MPDO, Gonegandla Mandal, Kurnool District, Dt:14.10.2021.
7. Lr.No.957879/CPR&RD/A1/2019, Dt:04.01.2022 of the Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadeaplli.
8. File No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/5/2024-DC.SEC-APPSC(Computer No. 2352954), Dt:02.04.2024.
9. From the Secretary, APPSC LR. File No.GAD03-APPSODCC/5/2024-DC-SEC-APPSC(Computer No.2352954).Dated:02.04.2024.

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ORDER:

Whereas in the reference 7th cited, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj has brought to the notice of the Government that Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri M.D.Amrutha Raj, the then MPDO, Peapully Mandal of Kurnool District, presently working as MPDO, Uravakonda of Ananthapuram District for dereliction and negligence of duties in execution of NREGS works noticed in 11th Round Social Audit in Peapully Mandal of Kurnool District.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, based on the report furnished by the District Collector, framed the following article of charges against Sri M.D.Amrutha Raj, former MPDO, Peapully Mandal of Kurnool District.

Article I:-

Dereliction of legitimate duties and violation of the procedures in vogue as Programme Officer, MGNREGS.

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Article- II:-
Misappropriation of Govt., funds to a tune of Rs.37,284/- identified. At open forum and Rs.2,37,207/- identified by Quality Control Teams.

3. After examining the written statement of defense of the individual submitted through the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj have decided to conduct regular departmental Inquiry against the Charged Officer on the charges framed against him. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj has appointed the Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Kurnool District as Inquiry Officer and the Project Director, DWMA, Kurnool as Presenting Officer, to conduct detailed Inquiry, under Rule 20 (2) and Rule, 20(5)(C) respectively of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, against Sri M.D.Amrutha Raj, former MPDO, Peapully Mandal of Kurnool District on the charges framed against him.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Inquiry Officer and Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Kurnool District, has submitted his inquiry report, stating that Charge No.I is proved and Charge No.II is not proved and the same has been communicated to the Charged Officer and the Charged Officer, Sri M.D.Amrutha Raj, former MPDO, Peapully Mandal has submitted his explanation vide reference 6th read above, denying the charges, which is not convincing.

5. In the reference 7th read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, being the disciplinary authority has taken provisional decision on the Inquiry Report and submitted a proposal to Government, stating that the delinquent officer Sri. M.D.Amruth Raj, MPDO was Second Level Gazetted officer, and the Major penalty of "Dismissal" proposed by him was listed in Rule 9, under item (X), of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991; for which Government is competent, under Rule 12 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to impose the penalty against Sri.M.D.Amrutha Raj, the then MPDO, Peapully Mandal of Kurnool District, presently working as MPDO, Uravakonda of Ananthapuram District.

6. After examination of the matter, observed that, the Charged Officer is prime responsible officer to execute NREGS works in the Mandal. He has completely violated circular guidelines and made payment to the unqualified material suppliers, who were not approved by the Mandal level material procurement committee and caused payment to the 124 bogus works. Taking into consideration of inquiry report and recommendation of the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj, Government have decided to impose the penalty of Dismissal from service against Sri.M.D.Amrutha Raj, the then MPDO, Peapully Mandal of Kurnool District and accordingly vide reference 9th read above, necessary concurrence of APPSC was obtained to impose the Major Penalty of Dismissal from service against Sri M.D. Amrutha Raj., the then MPDO.

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7. In exercise of the powers conferred by rule Rule 9 (X) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 12 of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991, the Government hereby order to impose the penalty of Dismissal from service against Sri.M.D.Amrutha Raj, the then MPDO, Peapully Mandal of Kurnool District, presently working as MPDO, Uravakonda of Ananthapuram District.

8. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, A.P., Tadepalli shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri.M.D.Amrutha Raj, the then MPDO, Peapully Mandal of Kurnool District, presently working as MPDO, Uravakonda of Ananthapuram District. (through the Commissioner, PR&RD, A.P.)
The Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur District (with a request to serve the above G.O., on the individual and furnish the served copy to the Govt).
The District Panchayat Officer, Nandyal District/Anantapur District.
The District Collector, Nandyal District.
The District Collector, Ananthapuram District.
The Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Kurnool District/Anantapur District.
Copy to:
The A.G., AP., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The District Treasury Officer, Nandyal/Ananthapuram District.
The Secretary, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.CM (PR&RD).
The P.S to Principal Secretary to Govt.(PR&RD).
The PR&RD (Esst.V) Department.
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T. Jagadeesh
SECTION OFFICER